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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 10992

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, US, SO, KE, SU, DJ  
SUBJ: HORN POLICY UPDATE

REF: STATE 147850

1. WE USED TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL IN BRIEFING MFA  
DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE ON JUNE 13. RACHELE  
FOUND BRIEFING "VERY INTERESTING" AND IN RESPONSE TO  
EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS SAID THAT ITALIANS STILL HAVE NO PLANS  
TO SUPPLY SOMALIA WITH ARMS. HORN REMAINS AREA OF INSTA-  
BILITY, AND PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI REITERATED ONLY LAST  
WEEK TO FOREIGN MINISTER JAMA BARRE (BRIEFLY IN ROME FOR  
ONE OF HIS FREQUENT STOPOVERS) THAT UNTIL SOME NEGOTIATIONS  
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LOOKING TOWARD A SETTLEMENT ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN ETHIOPIANS  
AND SOMALIS, ITALIANS WILL MAINTAIN POLICY OF NOT PROVIDING  
ARMS TO EITHER SIDE.

2. AS TO ERITREA, RACHELE SAID ITALAINS BELEIVE THAT  
MENGISTU IS INCREASINGLY ISOLATED FROM COUNTRIES UNTIL NOW  
SYMPATHETIC ON QUESTION OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ERITREA.

CUBANS SEEMS EVEN LESS INCLINED THAN BEFORE TO COMMIT  
THEMSLEVES IN ERITREA, AND LIBYANS AND SOUTH YEMENIS HAVE  
BOTH MOVED AWAY FROM POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIANS.  
RECENT SPEECH BY MENGISTU IN WHICH HE SAID ERITREANS DID  
NOT REPRESENT LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND IN WHICH HE CALLED  
ON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR HELP HAD RING OF REAL DESPERA-  
TION. IN FACT, MENGISTU HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY ATTACKING  
ARABS, RATHER THAN WEST, AND RECENT INCIDENTS, INCLUDING  
EXPULSION OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA FOR INVOLVEMENT  
IN NEGEDE AFFAIR, INDICATE COOLING OF TIES WITH CUBA.HOLMES

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